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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0708

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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, U(, UR, US, FR  
SUBJECT: SOVIETS AGREED TO PERMIT WOLF-RUEDIGER HESS TO VISIT  
FATHER

REFS: A) USBERLIN 548, B) BONN 4244 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT GOVERNORS' MEETING MARCH 9, SOVIETS AGREED  
THAT WOLF-RUEDIGER HESS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE  
MONTHLY VISIT TO FATHER DURING MARCH BUT INSISTED  
THAT VISIT TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER MARCH 15. GOVERNORS  
THEREFORE SENT SON A TELEGRAM SAYING THAT FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE ON  
MARCH 10 AS REQUESTED, BUT COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY  
TIME CONVENIENT FOR SON AFTER MARCH 15. (COMMENT:  
SOVIETS SAID THAT ORIGINALLY THEIR INCLINATION HAD  
BEEN TO REFUSE ALL FUTURE VISITS BY SON IN LIGHT OF  
HIS RECENT ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, ON REFLECTION THEY  
TOO HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS UNFAIR TO PENALIZE  
FATHER FOR ACTS OF SON. END COMMENT).

2. RE IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON REGIME WHICH BRITISH  
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ARE INSTRUCTED TO RAISE IN BONN, WE BELIEVE THAT IT  
WOULD BE TACTICALLY BETTER TO RESTRICT FIRST WESTERN  
PROPOSAL TO A FEW KEY ITEMS OF REAL IMPORTANCE, RATHER  
THAN CONFRONT SOVIETS WITH LONG SHOPPING LIST.  
CONTROLLED TV AND ADDITIONAL VISITS STRIKE US AS KEY  
ITEMS ON LIST. OVER PAST YEARS SOVIETS HAVE AGREED  
TO A NUMBER OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS, ONE-BY-ONE, AND MIGHT

BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MORE, BUT A LONG LIST COULD  
ELICIT A COUNTER-REACTION.

3. RE CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PASSING AWAY OF HESS,  
FRENCH HERE WILL DISCUSS WITH BOISSIEU OF BONN GROUP  
WITH A VIEW TO ASKING SOVIETS FOR A REPLY TO PAPER  
LEFT BY SIR OLIVER WRIGHT ON JANUARY 19 AT MARCH 11  
LUNCH WITH ABRASIMOV. IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLICITY  
ON HESS, FRENCH THINK IT POSSIBLE THAT SOVIETS WILL  
RAISE HESS IN ANY CASE. IN EVENT THAT AMB WORMSER  
PREFERS NOT TO RAISE MATTER, AND SOVIETS DO NOT, OUR  
THINKING IS TO HAVE BRITISH, AS PRIMUS INTER PARES ON  
SPANDAU MATTERS, INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF CONTINGENCY  
PLANNING DIRECTLY WITH SOVIETS NEXT WEEK.

4. FOR BONN: FRENCH TEAM AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY  
FRENCH WILL CONSIST OF AMBASSADOR, MINISTER LANDY,  
AND DE BOISSIEU WITH PROTOCOL OFFICER SYRIGOS ACTING  
AS INTERPRETER. WITH THIS LINEUP AND AMB WORMSER'S  
PENCHANT FOR SHORT REPORTS, WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO  
LEARN MUCH ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED.  
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